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SUBJ: BELGRADE CSCE -- DAILY HIGHLIGHTS, MARCH 9 (MORNING
CLOSING STATEMENTS)

SUMMARY: BELGRADE CONFERENCE IS HEADED TOWARD A SWIFT
END AS REPRESENTATIVES OF TWELVE COUNTRIES (5 NNA, 4 EE,
AND 3 NATO) GAVE THEIR CLOSING STATEMENTS IN MORNING
PLENARY. STATEMENTS CONTINUE IN A PREDICATABLE PATTERN

SIMILAR TO THAT SET IN YESTERDAY'S PLENARY. SOVIET REP AND HISILLIES -- BULGARIA AND HUNGARIAN REPS -- TERMED BELGRADE A SUCCESS BECAUSE OF THE "POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE, FORWARD-LOOKING CONCLUDING DOCUMENT," REAFFIRMATION OF THE FINAL ACT, AND DEFEAT OF ATTEMPTS TO ALTER FINAL ACT AND TO INTRUDE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOCIALIST STATES. WHILE REGRETTING THE FAILURE OF CONFERENCE TO ADOPT NEW MEASURES TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO FINAL ACT IN CBMS, BASKET II AND III MATTERS, PARTICULARLY HUMAN RIGHTS, NATO DEL REPS (ITALY, FRG, AND TURKEY) REGARDED BELGRADE AS A SUCCESS BECAUSE CONFERENCE REAFFIRMED FINAL ACT, HELD FRANK AND THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS; DISCUSSED NEW PROPOSALS, AGREED TO CONVENE EXPERTS GROUPS, AND ESTABLISHED FOLLOW-UP MEETING AT MADRID. IN AN OTHERWISE UNEXCEPTIONAL STATEMENT, FRG REP PROVOKED POLITE BUT SHARP EXCHANGE WITH THE GDR REP WHEN HE SAID "THE POLITICAL AIM OF THE FRG IS TO WORK FOR A STATE OF PEACE IN EUROPE WHERE THE GERMAN STATE CAN RECOVER ITS UNITY THROUGH FREE, PEACEFUL SELF-DETERMINATION." NNA REPS (YUGOSLAVIA, SWITZERLAND, MALTA, HOLY SEE, AND MONACO) AND ROMANIAN REP EXPRESSED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT AT FAILURE OF CONFERENCE TO ADOPT CONCRETE MEASURES ON CBMS, DISARMAMENT, AND HUMAN RIGHTS. ROMANIAN REP WENT FURTHER AND CALLED CONFERENCE A FAILURE, ENDANGERING THE CSCE PROCESS AND DETENTE. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES REPEATED ALL THEIR STANDARD
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CONFERENCE THEMES. THEY REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR SOVIET PROPOSALS IN CBMS, DISARMAMENT, ENERGY, TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT, AND THE PROTECTION AGAINST "TERRORISM" OF OFFICIAL AND CULTURAL GROUPS. THEY REASSERTED CHARGES THAT CERTAIN WESTERN DELEGATIONS PREVENTED ADOPTION OF SOME GOOD PROPOSALS, PUT FORTH BY SOCIALIST AND THE NNA COUNTRIES, BY ENGAGING IN "STERILE POLEMICS, PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE, AND PROPAGANDA EFFORTS" OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES CONTINUED TO ARGUE THAT WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THEY NOTED THE "TRUTH" THAT THEIR SOCIALISM RATHER THAN CAPITALISM GUARANTEES MAN'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS. BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS OF CAPITALISM, E.G. UNEMPLOYMENT, RACISM, DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NATIONAL MINORITIES, MIGRANT WORKERS, AND WOMEN, WEST HAS NO MORAL AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THEY REPEATED USUAL PROPAGANDA ON NEUTRON BOMBS, WESTERN MILITARY BUDGETS, AND DISARMAMENT.

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BULGARIAN AND HUNGARIAN REPS CALLED FOR POSITIVE RESULTS
FROM SALT, MBFR, AND UNSSOD TO CURB ARMS RACE, FURTHER
MILITARY DETENTE, AND PROMOTE DISARMAMENT. HUNGARIAN
REP NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT A MAJORITY OF THE
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WESTERN COUNTRIES AT BELGRADE RECOGNIZED WHAT HUNGARY
HAS DONE IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO

IMPLEMENT FINAL ACT UNILATERALLY, BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY; AT SAME TIME, HE NOTED SOME WESTERN STATES STILL SEEK PROTECTIVE RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE AND DO NOT APPLY MFN PROVISIONS EQUITABLY. SOVIET REP SAID HIS COUNTRY CLEARLY AND FAIRLY EMBODIED ITS COMMITMENT TO FINAL ACT BY ENACTING ITS PROVISIONS INTO SOVIET CONSTITUTION. SOVIET REP IMPLIED THAT COOPERATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD MEANS EITHER MOVING FORWARD WITH DETENTE OR BACKWARDS INTO COLD WAR.

2. NATO REPS, PARTICULARLY ITALIAN REP, MADE STRONG STATEMENT REGRETTING LACK OF SPECIFIC MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT FINAL ACT AND EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT MODEST RESULTS OF CONFERENCE. ITALIAN REP STRONGLY REFUTED SOVIET ARGUMENT THAT WESTERN PROPOSALS WERE DIRECTED AT REVISING FINAL ACT. HE NOTED THAT BELGRADE FAILED TO MEET EXPECTATIONS OF ITALIAN PUBLIC OPINION. HE SAID THAT A NECESSARY AND ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCEPT OF DETENTE IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE GREATER IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING RELIGION. TURKISH REP VOICED SUPPORT FOR AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL THAT MADRID CONFERENCE BE ON THE POLITICAL (MINISTERIAL) LEVEL.

3. FRG REP (STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL) SAID "SPECIAL PROBLEMS CONFRONT OUR PEOPLE WHO ARE COMPELLED TO LIVE IN A DIVIDED STATE." HE SAID FRG IS FOR THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, GOODS, AND IDEAS ACROSS INTERNATIONAL FRONTIERS. THESE CONTACTS CAN PREVENT ARMED CONFRONTATION EUROPE, HE ADDED. THE FRG REP CALLED ON ALL PARTICIPATING STATES TO REAFFIRM THE SOLEMN COMMITMENT

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TO HUMAN RIGHTS CONTAINED IN FINAL ACT. PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS BELONG TOGETHER, HE SAID. FRG REP'S COMMENT THAT AIM OF HIS GOVERNMENT IS TO CONTINUE TO SEEK REUNIFICATION OF TWO GERMAN STATES PROVOKED RIGHT OF REPLY FROM GDR REP. THE LATTER NOTED FRG REP DISREGARDED THE HISTORICAL REALITIES OF EUROPE IN TAKING THIS POSITION AS GDR IS FIRMLY IN SOCIALIST COMMUNITY. GDR REP ADDED THAT PEOPLE OF EAST GERMANY HAD ALREADY EXERCISED THEIR FREE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION YEARS AGO. HE STATED THAT TO QUESTION THE EAST GERMAN STATE'S STATUS IS TO ENDANGER THE PEACE OF EUROPE. HE CHARGED THAT FRG REP STATEMENT VIOLATED PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND INVOLATIBILITY OF FRONTIERS. REPLYING TO THE EAST GERMAN REP, FRG REP SAID THAT 1972 BASIC TREATY (GRUNDUERTRAG) BETWEEN TWO GERMAN STATES LEFT NATIONAL QUESTION OPEN AND THAT IN CONCURRENT BAHR-KOHL LETTER, FRG RESERVED RIGHT TO

WORK TWOARD GERMAN SELF-DETERMINATION. GDR REP REPLIED THAT UNILATERAL STATEMENT CAN NOT DO AWAY WITH LEGAL OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN 1972 BASIC TREATY AND FINAL ACT. FRG REP ALSO INCLUDED BERLIN SENTENCE PREVIEWED TO BONN GROUP.

4. NNA REPS (MONACO, YUGOSLAVIA, SWITZERLAND, HOLY SEE AND MALTA) AND ROMANIAN REP BLAMED "BLOC POLITICS" FOR HINDERING WORK OF CONFERENCE. THEY REGRETTED FAILURE TO TAKE SPECIFIC MEASURES IN CBMS, DIAMENT, ECONOMIC, AND HUMANITARIAN AREAS. YUGOSLAV, SWISS, AND ROMANIAN REPS SAID RESULTS OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE GENERALLY REFLECT CORRECTLY INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. THEY ADDED THAT THE SHORT COMINGS OF BELGRADE SHOULD SERVE AS A WARNING THAT DETENTE IS IN DANGER AND EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT FINAL ACT SHOULD BE REDOUBLED. ALL NNA WELCOMED ESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERTS GROUPS WHICH ARE SEEN AS CONTINUING CSCE PROCESS. MONACO REP SAID THAT THE CONCRETE RESULTS HOPED FOR HAVE NOT BEEN OBTAINED BUT

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BALANCE SHEET IS NOT NEGATIVE. SWISS AND HOLY SEE REPS SPOKE OUT STRONGLY THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING RELIGION, MENT MORE OPEN SOCIETIES WHICH CREATE A CLIMATE FOR PEACE. MALTESE REP TERMED ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITED MANDATE MEDITERRANEAN EXPERTS GROUP AN UNSATISFACTORY AND MODEST FIRST STEP. HE PLEDGED MALTESE WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE MORE AMBITIOUS POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN THE MEDITERANNEAN.

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